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# Sam Napolitano

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To: "Mignone, Bryan" <Bryan.Mignone@hq.doe.gov>
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06/25/2012 12:22 PM

To Brendan Gilfillan

cc Laura Vaught, Michael Goo, Arvin Ganesan, Joseph Goffman, Joel Beauvais

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Subject Re: Fw: EIA's Annual Energy Outlook

FYI - AEO2012 just went live today. I'm reviewing now.

# Power generation from renewables and natural gas continues to increase

In the Reference case, the natural gas share of electric power generation increases from 24 percent in 2010 to 28 percent in 2035, while the renewables share grows from 10 percent to 15 percent. In contrast, the share of generation from coal-fired power plants declines. The historical reliance on coal-fired power plants in the U.S. electric power sector has begun to wane in recent years.

Over the next 25 years, the share of electricity generation from coal falls to 38 percent, well below the 48-percent share seen as recently as 2008, due to slow growth in electricity demand, increased competition from natural gas and renewable generation, and the need to comply with new environmental regulations. Although the current trend toward increased use of natural gas and renewables appears fairly robust, there is uncertainty about the factors influencing the fuel mix for electricity generation. AEO2012 includes several cases examining the impacts on coal-fired plant generation and retirements resulting from different paths for electricity demand growth, coal and natural gas prices, and compliance with upcoming environmental rules. While the Reference case projects 49 gigawatts of coal-fired generation retirements over the 2011 to 2035 period, nearly all of which occurs over the next 5 years, the range for cumulative retirements of coal-fired power plants over the projection period varies considerably across the alternative cases (Figure 5), from a low of 34 gigawatts (11 percent of the coal-fired generator fleet) to a high of 70 gigawatts (22 percent of the fleet). The high end of the range is based on much lower natural gas prices than those assumed in the Reference case; the lower end of the range is based on stronger economic growth, leading to stronger growth in electricity demand and higher natural gas prices. Other alternative cases, with varying assumptions about coal prices and the length of the period over which environmental compliance costs will be recovered, but no assumption of new policies to limit GHG emissions from existing plants, also yield cumulative retirements within a range of 34 to 70 gigawatts. Retirements of coal-fired capacity exceed the high end of the range (70 gigawatts) when a significant GHG policy is assumed (for further description of the cases and results, see "Issues in focus").

[...]

Key factors contributing to the shift away from coal are sustained low natural gas prices, higher coal prices, slow growth in electricity demand, and the implementation of Mercury and Air Toxics Standards (MATS) [69] and Cross-State Air Pollution Rule (CSAPR) [70]. These factors influence how existing plants are used, which plants are retired, and what types of new plants are built.

Brendan Gilfillan

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Date: 06/22/2012 06:22 PM

Subject: Fw: EIA's Annual Energy Outlook

From: "Stutsman, Jen" [Jen.Stutsman@hq.doe.gov]

**Sent:** 06/21/2012 07:14 PM AST

To: Brendan Gilfillan

**Subject:** EIA's Annual Energy Outlook

Brendan -

Sorry again for not getting back to you earlier.



Thanks, Jen

http://uk.reuters.com/article/2012/01/24/us-carbon-idUKTRE80N0G220120124

# U.S. CO2 emissions to stay below 2005 levels as coal use shrinks

NEW YORK - U.S. energy-related CO2 emissions will be 7 percent lower than their 2005 level of nearly 6 billion metric tons in 2020 as coal's share of electricity production continues a steady descent over the next two decades, according to new government data.

The Energy Information Administra ion (EIA) released an early version of its annual energy outlook on Monday, which predicted a slowdown in growth of energy use over the next two decades amid economic recovery and improved energy efficiency.

The report highlights the fact that carbon-intensive coal generation will see a major decline in the power sector in he coming decades, which will ensure energy-related CO2 emissions will not exceed 2005 levels at any point before 2035.

The report also showed that emissions per capita would fall an average of 1 percent per year from 2005 to 2035 as the new federal standards, state renewable energy mandates and higher energy prices would temper the growth of demand for transportation fuels.

"Over the next 25 years, the projected coal share of overall electricity generation falls to 39 percent, well below the 49-percent share seen as recently as 2007, because of slow growth in electricity demand, continued competition from natural gas and renewable plants, and the need to comply with new environmental regulations," it said.

The retirement of old, inefficient coal-fired power plants will outpace new construction, and the report added that gas-fired plants - which are cheaper to build - will generate 13 percent more power in 2012 han they did last year.

Meanwhile, the share of electricity generation from renewable fuels is expected to grow from 10 percent in 2010 to 16 percent by 2035, according to the EIA.

#### **TARGETS**

The Obama Administration has set a target under the U.N. for the U.S. to reduce its greenhouse gas emissions 17 percent below 2005 levels by 2020.

Congress has not been able to pass comprehensive energy and climate change legislation that would help ensure the target is met, but he administration hopes a combination of federal regulations and state emission-reduction programs can achieve the cuts.

The report said that the U.S. will remain an importer of oil while it becomes for the first time a net exporter of natural gas within the next 25 years.

The agency cautioned that the results of the outlook may change when it publishes the final annual energy outlook in April this year.

(Reporting by Valerie Volcovici)

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07/27/2012 10:51 AM

To Brendan Gilfillan cc "goo michael"

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Subject Re: Fw: coal retirements including disucssion of reasons for retirements

It's amazing what low natural gas prices and low demand are doing to the coal fleet...

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Brendan Gilfillan

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From: Brendan Gilfillan

**Sent:** 07/27/2012 10:47 AM EDT

To: Alisha Johnson

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AII.

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Date: 07/27/2012 10:14 AM

Subject: FW: coal retirements including disucssion of reasons for retirements

From: Sieminski, Adam (EIA) Sent: Friday, July 27, 2012 8:32 AM

To: Stutsman, Jen

**Subject:** coal retirements including disucssion of reasons for retirements

Full article

2005

http://www.eia.gov/dailyrpt/content/2012.07.27/DailyEnergyReport Feature.cfm?DERdate=07/27/2012

# 27 gigawatts of coal-fired capacity to retire over next five years Historic and planned retirements of coal-fired generators capacity (gigawatts) number of 12 70 historic planned 60 10 50 8 40 30 20 10

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2013

2015

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The coal-fired capacity expected to be retired over the next five years is more than four times greater than retirements performed during the preceding five-year period (6.5 GW). Moreover, based on EIA data, the approximate 9 GW of coal-fired capacity retirements expected to occur in 2012 will likely be the largest one-year amount in the nation's history. The record is, however, expected to be short-lived as almost 10 GW of coal-fired capacity are expected to retire in 2015.

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	Existing	Reported coal generator retirements							
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2007

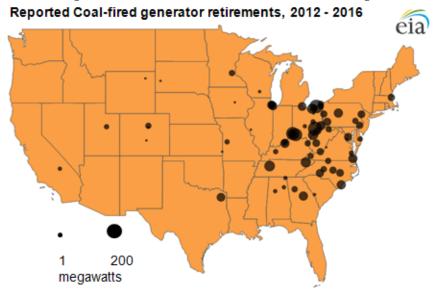
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Michael Goo/DC/USEPA/US

07/27/2012 01:28 PM

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Date: 07/27/2012 01:25 PM

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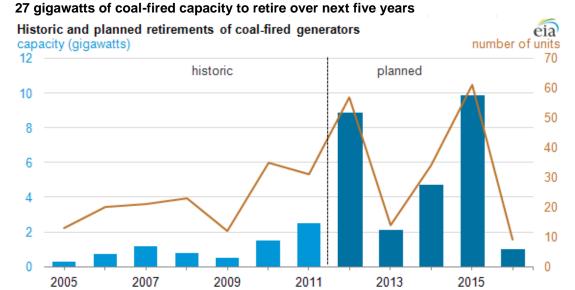
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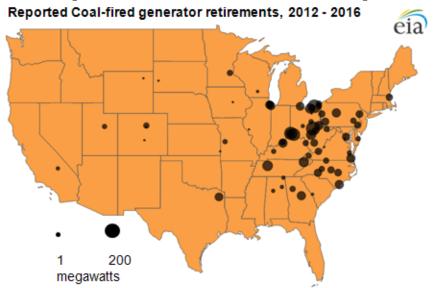
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Alex Barron/DC/USEPA/US To Michael Goo

08/15/2012 05:50 PM

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#### Alex

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## Hi Alex,

So, I understand that this report is getting published tomorrow or Fri? Has there been any coordination with DOE on this? Also, do we have TP's for Comms?

#### thanks!

#### Arvin

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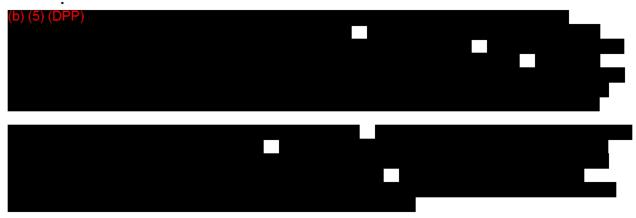
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# Subject GAO report



but I'm pretty sure Larry is in the office. I'll be in the office on Monday, 8/20.

# Thanks!

Michelle Dallafior Sr. Policy Advisor Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability 202-586-1117





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